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RURAL SCHOOLS GRADUATE 62

Miss Helen Shahan Is Honor Graduate; Miss Neva Rockwell Wins Second Honors.

By W. Clyde Johnson.

Sixty-two pupils were graduated from rural schools in Audrain County this year. Helen Shahan, a pupil of Mrs. Eva C. Nieman, of Liberty, is the honor graduate. Neva G. Rockwell, pupil of Miss Agatha Copeman, of Prairie Chapel, is second.

The names of the graduates with the rank of each follows:

Liberty, Miss Bessie Hickman, teacher, Helen Shahan (1), Landon Smith (35), Thomas Archer (31).
East Lick, Miss Ella Criswell, teacher, Margaret Van Winkle (35), Paul Miller (18), Lynn Mieller (20).
Culwell, Miss Flossie Parker, teacher Harold Houston (49), Gladys Lemasters (47), Lorene Houston (51), Wilmer Ford (37).
Crow, Miss Corinne Cowherd, teacher, Gladys G. Green (21), Bessie McIntosh (30), Cordia McIntosh Branstetter (45), Otto Detienne (45).
West Lick, Miss Mary Hanna, teacher, Fannie Brown (44).
Hickory Grove, Miss Atha Gregg, teacher, Edwin Heaton (8), Lucy Heaton (28), Dolph Hickerson (24).
Cornett, F. R. Hickerson, teacher, Grace Gorman (38), Elsie Deichman (27).
South Carter, Miss Vernice Ray, teacher, Milas Price (19), Paul Price (40), Frances Lease (13).
Macedonia, Miss Marguerite Wright, teacher, James B. Crosswhite (7).
Prairie Chapel, Miss Agatha Copman, teacher, Cecil Kelly (5), Neva Rockwell (2).
Oak Grove, Miss Beulah Hagan, teacher, Joe Biggs (29).
Beaver Dam, Miss Mabel Hickman, teacher, Mabel White (42).
Skull Lick, Miss Katherine Edwards, teacher, Ralph Boyle (33).
Fisher, Miss Ruth Cook, teacher, Irwin Morgan (6).
Sneed, Miss Sarah Culbertson, teacher, Mary Hebe, (36), Orval Hebel (41).
Excelsior, Miss Nellie Proctor, teacher, Opal Proctor (11), Charles G. Stowers (3).
Goodwater, Miss Katie Sievers, teacher, Lillian Fisher (23).
Ringo, Miss Lillian Flynt, teacher, Retta Young (26).
Hurdle, Miss Lola Spencer, teacher, Elizabeth Beatty (14).
Hedgedale, Miss Zella Brown, teacher, Elsie Witchie (14).
Daniel, Miss Mary Griffin, teacher, Ira Zuck (10).
Gant, Miss Ermine Van Horn, teacher, Martha Nevins (16), Catherine Hickman (48), Moss Edwards (17).
Flynt, W. L. Ballew, teacher, William Craghead (46).
Black, Miss Gladys Furber, teacher, Howard Williams (46).
Harrison, Ed. C. Offutt, teacher, Mary Leta Jones (22).
Sames, Miss Vivian Littrell, teacher, Retta Burke (15).
Naylor, Miss Sudie R. Winn, teacher, John Hinton (15).
Lawder, Miss Percie Fuhrer, teacher, Frank Sanford (50).
Pine, Miss Elsie Cottingham, teacher, Dottie Angell (9).
Benton City, E. E. Shea, teacher, Robert Dewa (9), Trece Cox (12).
Rush Hill, C. V. Ford, teacher, Lura Smallwood (12), Mabel Fox (43), Macie Hearn (34).
Martinsburg, Mrs. Edna Schaefer, teacher, Eugene Moser (39), Lucille Banks (39), Kathryn Seckler (39).
Central, Miss Nola Hanna, teacher, Smith Reed (4), Nellie Berrey (32).

Farber, Miss Beulah Syler, teacher, Marion Hellyer (32).

Those not marked made just the right average. Besides these, a large number took the seventh grade examination only. Of these the following made a pass and will stand a good chance to get their diplomas next year.

Flossie Haislip, Sylvia Jones and Mary Morris, Hurdle. Annie Cleaton, Payne. Leona Kircher and Kathryn Miller, Hedgedale. Emmett Jesse and Lillian McCowan, Gant. Russell Azdell, Dye. Ben Pierce, Harold Rinehart, Hulda Klusman and Edwin Boeger, Prairie Lea. Nell Givens, Parnell Mullins and Alice Clement, Erisman. Glendene Bradley, Sames. Lillian A. Daniel and Goldie Standefer, Highland. Raymond Robison, Lawder. Gladys Patrick, Pearl Berrey, Russell Berrey, and Mildred Ellis, Gatewood. Ed. W. Barnes, Weaden Hawkins and Mary V. Crank and Ethel Fountain, Mt. Pisgah. Leo Hutchins, Benton City. Clarice Peery, Clark French, Freddie Watkins, Vernie Detienne, Jesse Detienne, Martinsburg. Ralph Love, Clyde Turner and Ruby Hill, Central. Wylda Lower, Elizabeth Garrett, Elsie Sonwalt and Lewis Fox, McClintic. Arthur Turner and Forest Chase, Farber. Martillus Barnes, Lena Smith and George Dungan, Liberty. Leola Carlson, Clifford Jackson and Alvin Jackson, East Lick. Thomas Botts, Botts. John M. Day, Emmons Carter, George Spotswood and Russell Selb, Duly. Marion Flynt, Clifton Earl Baker and Nora Helwig, Molino. Iota Sutton, Paul Pitt, Harold Northcutt and Carl Goodin, Prairie Hill. Leon Garrett and Kenneth Eubanks, Canada. Oneita Gray and Glenn Thompson, Black. Leslie Clithero, Culwell. Lillis House, Ruth Barnes, Ruey Middleton and Iona Beedie, Pleasant Plains. Edna May Crawford and Cora Hollingsworth, Hazel. Rupert Branstetter, Crow. Cecil Tanner, Fox. Julia Pierce, Prairie Lea. Illagene Crawford, Lawson. Clara Liebgood, Vincent Dicus and Thelma Heinlen, Cedar Grove. Mary C. Mason Thomas McIntyre and Rosaline Johnson, Carter. Palmer Stroker, William Stroker and Fay Maxwell, New Michigan. Elizabeth Gorman, Cornett. James Price, Tommy Watson, South Carter. Armin Nagel and Homer Scherer, Beagles. Lorene Winscott, Macedonia. Marie Kendall and Mabel Hoyt, Oak Grove. Fred Cox, Wreatha Stuart, Maple Grove. Obie Hall and Ida Lee Freeman, Jackson. Henry Esh, Marvin Barnes, Frank Davidson, Marie Arnold and Chrissie Beachy, Burnham. Price Jeffries, Naomi Shaw, Zelma Humphries and Mae Fowler, Prairie Mound. Albert Freyer, Edwards. Margaret White, Hall. Mettie Lee Crosswhite, Pine. Norma Key, Strother. Gertrude Stuart, Francis Diggs and Edith Brown, Cauthorn.

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GANT LETTER.

Neighbors Help a Neighbor Celebrate His Birthday—Number of Personal Mention.

Gant, Mo., June 13.—On Monday, June 12th the relatives and friends of J. L. Smith surprised him with a dinner, it being in honor of Mr. Smith's 70th birthday. The people gathered in with filled baskets and spread a long table in the yard and had all things ready for the feast when Mr. Smith should come in from the field to dinner. Besides the immediate friends and neighbors there were a number from a distance present, among whom were Mrs. Alice McCammon, Mrs. Lennie Miller and Rev. Swabe, all of Columbia; Miss Addie Cunningham, of Mexico. Mr. Smith received a number of useful presents, also Mr. W. H. Blythe, this being the occasion of Mr. Blythe's birthday also. But Mr. Blythe refuses to give his age. Among the gifts were articles of apparel and a unique smoking set, also napkin ring presented by Rose Carter (col.), and a hickory cane left trimmed in the natural green bark, a symbol of the newness of life, which Mr. Smith never permits to grow old.

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OUR NEW FOREMAN.

The Message has secured the services of Mr. John R. Thomas as foreman. He is an efficiency man, an all-round helper, and is as square a fellow as you ever did business with. The people of Mexico know him, and he is well and favorably known, too, in the south part of the county, where he was reared. He is a printer of the first rank. We believe we are fortunate to have him with us. Come in and meet him.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE

ENTERTAINED BY MISS REED

Miss Allene Reed was at home to the young people of the Methodist Church Monday evening. Miss Nell Pryor and Mrs. Hayne, who were delegates to the Woman's Missionary Convention at St. Joseph, recently, gave interesting accounts of that meeting. Musical numbers, by Mr. Robert Campbell, Miss Marguerite Thomas and Miss Dulcie Culbertson, and two readings, by Miss Mary Stallings, were delightful features of the evening. Mrs. Tom Bruce and Mrs. J. M. Allen served refreshments in the prettily decorated dining room. A large number were present there being a hundred invitations out.

MRS. WILLIAM HITT.

Mrs. William Hitt, sixty years old, sister of M. R. Wise, Mrs. E. A. Lawrence and Mrs. Dan Dudley of Mexico, died in Kansas City this week after an operation for gall stones. The body was brought here for burial. Funeral yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace. Pall bearers: C. F. Clark, R. D. Worrell, Sam Locke, Wm. Gregg, James Jesse and John Gamble.

Mrs. Hitt was born and reared in Callaway County and was well known in Mexico.

HOLLENSVILLE NEWS

Oats are looking fine. Corn looks pretty good considering the wet weather it has had.

Ice cream supper at Long Branch, Saturday evening, June 17. Everybody invited.

Midway Sunday School gave a short Missionary program Sunday, after the regular work, and raised a \$10 contribution. Rev. Spears, who with his wife, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. Geo. Elzea here, delivered a short address that was enjoyed by young and old.

Rev. Spears preached at Midway Sunday night.

Miss Georgia Trimble is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mike Peck. J. E. Blum and wife, of Mexico, were guests of B. C. Berrey and wife Sunday.

Milt Householder sold to Bybee & Mason, 21 fine fat cattle Saturday, at \$9.60 per cwt., and for the bunch he received \$2,702.50.

Mrs. B. C. Berrey and Miss Minnie Berrey went to Sedalia Monday to spend a week visiting relatives and attending the State convention of the Christian Church.

The ladies of Long Branch Baptist Church will serve ice cream at the church June 17. Everybody invited to attend.

The Midway Missionary Society of the C. W. B. M. will have an ice cream supper at Mr. Mike Peck's home July 15. They would like to wait on a large crowd.

The Midway protracted meetings will begin July 31. Rev. Ray, of Kansas City, with the assistance of a singer, will conduct the meetings.

The Long Branch Church will begin a meeting August 14.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.

The Missionary services at the Presbyterian church Sunday night was most instructive and entertaining. The drilling of the children was under the able direction of Mrs. Kerbert Pryor, with other assistance. The program carried out a representation of the work done by the missionaries in Brazil. The closing number, in which all the departments took part, was impressive and the vast congregation, the largest ever seen in that church, joined heartily in the Coronation Hymn, which fittingly closed the exercises. The collection amounted to \$23.74.

THE COUNTY SUNDAY

SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Intermediate Sunday School Convention held at Martinsburg last week, was a great success. It was in session two days and there was a down-pour of rain the whole time. Twenty-eight Sunday Schools of the County were represented. Many important subjects were discussed. The next annual meeting is to be held at Rush Hill.

The officers were re-elected as follows:

C. M. Fox, Pres.; Mitchell White, V. Pres.; Miss Ruth Cook, Sec'y.; Frank Erisman, Treas.; Miss Josephine Wallace, Elementary Supt.; Mettie Patterson, Secondary, and S.P. Cunningham, Adult.

We notice that Mr. Ralph Head and Miss Clara Tully were married in Vandalia a few days since.

W. H. Logan, seriously hurt in the railroad accident last week, is recovering slowly. He was able to eat his first partial meal at supper time Monday.

Mrs. Nick Smith, of Laddonia, visited her brother Mr. Ben Adams, this week south of Mexico.

W. J. Offutt, the furniture fixit man, is reported ill. Claggett Offutt is also ill.

WOODCRAFT STORIES

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Eleventh Story.

By L. Roy Ferris.

Fatty Bear was asleep. Asleep in his cozy log, that had been in his home ever since Fatty was large enough to eat wild plums, when his mother would hold the limb down to the ground. Several bees had stopped in their rounds of gathering honey to have a little talk with friend Fatty. This thing of bees working all the time is nonsense.

"Wake up and talk to us. Don't let the Queen hear you, for goodness sakes, for she is just as mad as can be. Come and see us make honey in our hive in the wateroak tree."

Fatty well knew the place, for many is the time he had climbed the tree and reached the little brown paw in and made aswipe at the honeycomb. He took only a little chunk of the golden sweet, and of course the old Queen would get awfully angry and send some of her servants to drive him away, and now and then he would receive a sting as he slid down the tree. But I really believe they were only making a bluff, for everybody loved Fatty Bear.

"Don't you ever put up any food for winter?" asked the bees of Fatty.

Fatty grinned and said, "No, no, little folks. You see I don't eat anything in the winter-time, for in the fall I eat all the wild fruit I can find, and that makes me real fat and drowsy, and I go to sleep and sleep while the ground is covered with a carpet of snow. Bunny Rabbit makes little paths and has a fine time playing in the snow and sometimes he even jumps upon the log where I am sleeping but I never hear. The sleet falling against the log only makes me sleep more soundly."

"Well, come on and follow us to the tree and we will promise not to tell the Queen." And taking wing they took a bee-line to the tree. But of course Fatty hasn't any wings, and if he had they wouldn't carry him, because he is such a little pig, he is so fat. It took lots of coaxing to get Fatty to climb the tree because he could not reach far enough around the trunk like he used to, and if you boys eat too much ice cream you will be just like Fatty Bear. But one of the bees gave him a friendly sting, which put new life into Fatty, and up the tree he went. Sitting astride the limb he peeped into the hole and did not dare to make any quick motions, for you know the bees will not harm you if you are quiet, and the quick motion is only to be used when you are making your get-away.

There was the old Queen, mad as a hornet. "I tell you," Fatty heard her say, "get busy and make some worker cells, and also some drone cells. Make the drone cells larger than the others. I hate to have you do it but I guess you might as well make four new queen cells, for you workers will never be satisfied without new queens."

After attending to these orders the workers went to a pile of eggs (several thousand of them or more) and proceeded to put an egg in each cell. Fatty looked to see if there might be any difference in the eggs; no, they were all alike. Fatty could hardly believe his eyes for they filled the drone cells with food that looked like ginger cake, and the worker cells with food that was like lemon pie, and the queen cells with something that resembled custard, and there stood several workers with wax to seal up the cells, like mother seals the jam. The young bees will have to eat their way out. How would you like to be fastened up in a barrel of ice cream and have to eat your way out? Wouldn't it be fun?

And the old Queen gave further orders: "Some of you go out to the front door and stand guard, and death to the one who does not obey."

That was about all Fatty could stand, for when the guards took their place at the front door Fatty Brown Bear had reached his log.

A few days later as Fatty lay wondering how the supply of honey was getting along some bees stopped to take a drink at a small puddle near by. Fatty heard one of them say: "My, my, but things are going wrong in the hive. The Queen has stung three of the new queens to death and would have killed the other one but some of the guards fought her away. And that isn't all of it, either. A moth miller slipped past the guards and got into the hive. Of course they killed her but not until she had woven a web, and now we can't get back to our winter's honey. The Queen was so mad she had most all the drones killed, and now the old Queen is going to start a new hive."

Poor Fatty Bear did not dream that these very bees were looking at his log with view of taking possession. Here they came, thousands of little fellows, and Fatty discovered too late that he could not whip a whole swarm of bees.

That night as Dr. Owl picked the stingers out of Fatty's head he remarked, "You ought to have more sense than to try to fight so many."

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It is reported that U. S. Goran, candidate for Sheriff, took very ill at his home in Vandalia last week.

Judge C. C. Bledsoe and family have moved from Mexico back to their farm north of Thompson.

Mexico Savings Bank
44th Year in Business
Capital Stock, \$150,000
W. W. FRY, President.
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.